

## **Testimony before the Appropriations Committee**

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My name is Dory Miville. I live in Torrington, CT. I believe that medication should be affordable so that people can pay for it and stay healthy. I have a mental illness and I make \$697 a month on social security. My rent for my apartment is \$575. That doesn't leave me very much money to pay for my other medications and bills! One of my medications costs \$500! My insurance covers this a bit but now one of my co-pays are increasing to up to \$15.00. I can live without cable or without my lights on if I had to but not taking these medications is not an option. I cannot live without these meds, I must pay for them. Without my medications, I isolate in bed and I don't do anything. I feel anxious, upset, and I cry all the time. This is no way to live!

Please don't let the co-pays increase- these medications are so important and I need to be able to pay for them. Thank you for giving me the chance to speak today.